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For : Automated Ticket Cancellation Device
and Process For Canceling Uniquely
Numbered Tickets

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated April
19, 2002. Initially, please enter the following amendments.
A version with markings to show changes made is attached to
this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A lottery terminal capable of canceling an
unplayed uniquely numbered lottery ticket having a control
number and an area with thermally reactive coating material
disposed thereon, the terminal comprising:

a microprocessor for controlling the operation of the
terminal;

imaging means for imaging the unplayed lottery ticket;

memory means for storing data pertinent to the unplayed
lottery ticket; and

an automated lottery ticket cancellation device
including means for receiving the unplayed lottery ticket